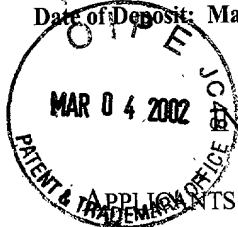


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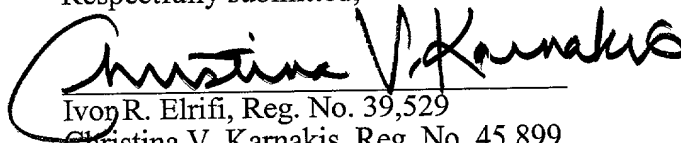
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1. Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (1 page);
2. Copy of Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (1 page);
3. Eleven (11) sheets of drawings (Figs. 1 to 11); and
3. Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

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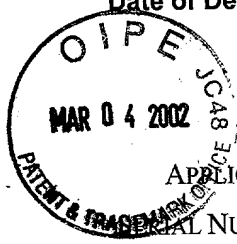
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In response to the Notice To File Corrected Application Papers mailed February 20, 2002, Applicants submit herein eleven (11) sheets of drawings (Fig. 1 - Fig. 11) in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.84(g). This response is due on or before April 20, 2002. Please charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 17999-001 DIV.

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This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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